Getting Started With CO.NX

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What is CO.NX?

CO.NX is part of the Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP) at the U.S. Department of State.

The CO.NX team provides support for a number of different online platforms for public diplomacy outreach to help you reach your audiences.
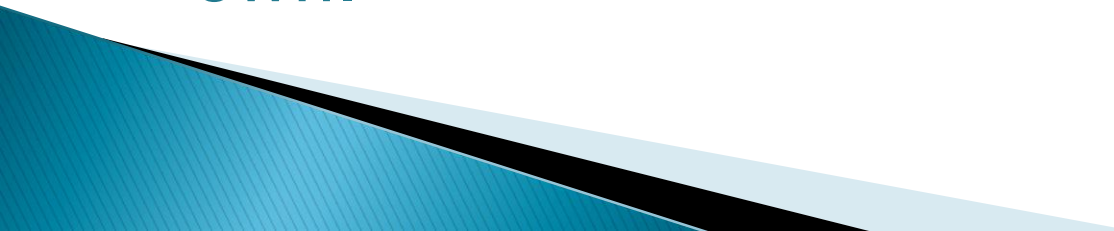
Platforms include Adobe Connect, Streaming to Facebook, Skype and more.
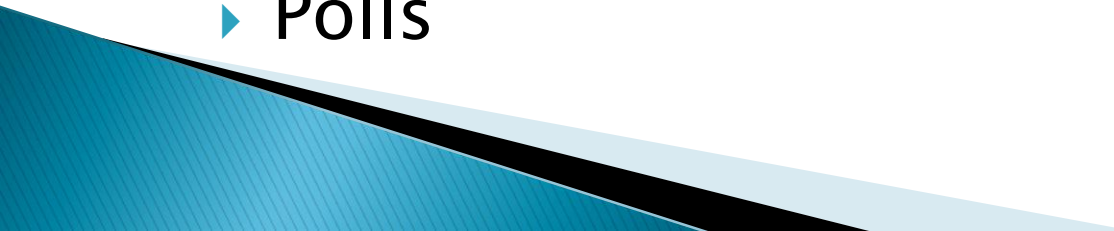
What does Adobe Connect look like?

What do I need to do to host my own webchat?

- A computer with webcam and microphone
- An Internet connection of any speed.
  - Adobe Connect Pro adjusts to fit your bandwidth.
- The latest version of Adobe Flash
  - These are quick and easy downloads.
- A concept and a plan for how to best reach your audience. Start simple, and then get more complex.
- Training and help from the CO.NX Team until you feel like you can host programs on your own.

There are many different ways your virtual room can be customized.

- Text-only discussions
- Video chats using webcams
- Music or podcasts
- Videos
- Powerpoint presentations
- Pictures
- Multiple Languages
- Unique or thematic backgrounds
- Polls

Linking American Corners

Great for meetings

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WEBCHAT
Undergraduate Education in the U.S.
What It's All About

Questions and Answers

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Chat

CO.NX Moderator (Neil): Please ask your questions now

Amanda: Does it mean that I can start my application for the DS-160 although I am only planning to head to the US in Fall 2011?

Adriz: Is IELTS applicable instead of TOEFL?

Catherine: is there a due date to pay the fees prior to the visa application?

Adriz: Can I apply with just my A.S results

Denise Wong (presenters): when must I do my IELTS or TOEFL by if I were to go in Fall 2011?

Amanda: Cost is one of my main factors when it comes to applying, but a friend of mine told me that I should wait for my SAT results because if my SAT results are good, I can apply to the pricier colleges which don't offer need-based financial aid (such as Duke, U Chicago) in the hope of getting a scholarship. Is that true? Does the SAT weigh heavily when it comes to scholarships?

cindy: I am having Alevels cert, is it better to apply to community college or 4-yrs Uni? Which one will be easier to get into?

Caroline: Will it be easy for students from the middle east to get an approval for thier visa?

Adriz: Is going through community college then transfer relatively cheaper than going straight to a 4 year uni/college in terms of cost?

Timothy Goh typing

To: Everyone
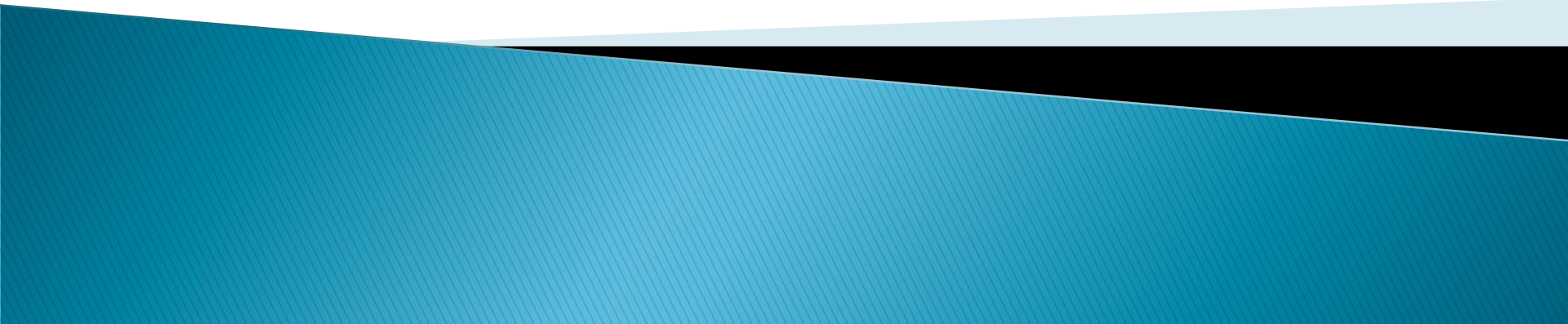
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Text with speaker on webcam.

Interesting Backgrounds.

Text, video, and powerpoint

Invite audiences into American Corners/IRCs to participate in webchats from the US Embassy or Washington

What are posts doing on their own?

Kyiv, Ukraine

Milan, Italy & Kathmandu, Nepal

London, England

Kabul, Afghanistan

Amb. Eikenberry (center) chats with people across Afghanistan, including in Khost (left) and Herat (right).
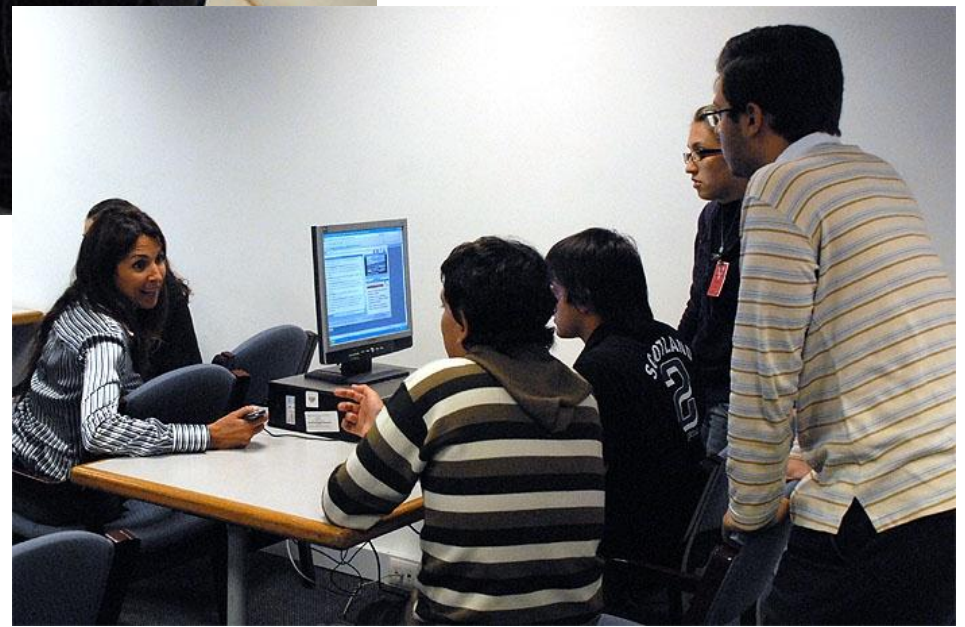
How do IRCs and American Corners use CO.NX?

Lusaka, Zambia

Herat, Afghanistan

Montevideo, Uruguay

Aug. 11 webchat Participants

IRC Assistant helps students during the Aug. 27 webchat

Bamako, Mali

Tashkent,
Uzbekistan

CO.NX Resources

- To request your own chat room please contact your SCA Producers in the CO.NX team:
  ◦ Sarah White – WhiteSK@state.gov
  ◦ Neil Abraham – Neil@conx.missionhq.org

- For a list of CO.NX events visit our Facebook:
  ◦ http://co-nx.state.gov